

AuctionsPlus Weekly Sheep & Lamb Summary – w/e 9 April 2021

With the Easter holiday induced short trading week, overall sheep and lamb numbers offered exclusively through AuctionsPlus this week only totaled 42,549 head – back on the 46,681 in the previous week and less than half of the throughput registered in the previous full selling week. Overall lamb prices were largely steady, to slightly higher, except for the shedding lines, which contracted \$70/head in the absence of selected future breeder ewe lambs.

Given the second week of reduced supplies, overall demand was also steady, reflected in very high clearance rates across the main lamb categories, except for first cross ewe lambs, at only 45%. However, with only the 45% clearance rate for the 3,045 head offered, the average price for the week lifted \$10, to \$243/head.

Crossbred lambs were steady this week, at \$168/head, with a 91% clearance rate for the 3,685 head offered. Both Merino wether lambs and Merino ewe lambs registered robust clearance rates, at 94% and 91%, respectively this week, averaging \$146/head and \$184/head. An indicative line of 390 Merino wether lambs, out of Methul NSW, weighing 41.6kg liveweight and May-Jun 2020 drop, sold to \$154.50/head, or an equivalent 858.3c/kg dressed.

Across the sheep lines, prices contracted for the NSM categories, albeit with very thin numbers for some categories. NSM Merino ewes dropped \$30, to average \$164/head – with a 73% clearance rate for the 2,035 head offered. A line of 201 NSM Merino ewes out of Tamworth NSW, 6.5-years-old and averaging 52.7kg liveweight, sold to \$180/head, or 947.4c/kg dressed.

SIL Merino ewes was easily the largest category offered this week, with the 9,552 head offered going against the reduced trend – up 63% on last week's supplies. Even with the jump in offerings, the clearance rates this week hit 76%, compared to the 53% in the previous week – signaling a jump in demand for assessed and proven lines. SIL Merino ewes averaged \$2 higher this week, at \$265/head. SIL first cross ewes dropped \$12 on last week to average \$343/head, while SM Merino ewes averaged \$307/head.

NOTE: prices as at 5pm, Thursday 8th April

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[Sheep Averages 06/04/2021](#)

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average	Change	Clearance	Low	High	Average	Change
\$/head							actual €/kg lwt			
Lambs										
Crossbreds	3,685	100	215	168	0	91%	368	524	422	-36
Merino wethers	6,055	111	170	146	6	94%	340	664	408	10
first cross ewe	3,045	198	300	243	10	45%	376	820	621	122
Merino ewe	1,406	154	203	184	4	91%	433	614	485	38
Shedding breeds	1,544	145	385	268	-70	92%	394	1024	675	-101
Composite/other breeds	1,328	175	325	273	68	75%	467	588	495	21
Sheep										
Merino wethers	2,741	107	206	154	-4	100%	295	389	317	21
Joined Ewes										
SIL Merino ewes	9,552	161	365	265	2	76%	289	611	432	-22
SM Merino ewes	2,002	231	417	307	98	72%	337	662	487	118
SIL first cross ewe	3,533	240	410	343	-12	82%	306	611	466	-11
SM first cross ewes	296	300	300	300	-	66%	531	531	531	-
Non Station Mated (NSM)										
Merino hogget ewes	1,113	182	240	208	-37	47%	392	447	419	-62
Merino ewes	2,035	126	210	164	-30	73%	293	387	326	-69
first cross ewe	237	231	274	253	-29	93%	358	367	362	-244
composite/other breeds	3,177	211	347	258	-91	99%	310	508	374	-274
shedding breed ewes	800	182	251	215	-99	68%	300	449	373	1

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